

of friends who will gather in an expression of appreciation for Joseph W. Cotchett—a lion of the courtroom, a lover of life, a benefactor, a patriot and a great American.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Bay Minette, Alabama upon the occasion of their 100th Anniversary which they celebrate this week.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1910, when a group of concerned Christians realized a need to fellowship in a church of their own, rather than having to travel to a neighboring community. The name of Bethlehem Baptist was adopted and Reverend Issac Jones was named the first pastor.

Initially, before they had a building, the congregation met under a brush arbor and in the homes of various members.

Over the last century, the faithful congregation of Bethlehem Baptist encountered many trials and tribulations, including a fire that destroyed their first building, yet they never lost their faith or their love for their church. Their present sanctuary was built in 1963 and has been enhanced over the following 47 years, adding on an annex, two classrooms and an office complex.

In August of 2000, the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist congregation was the proud host of the Eastern Shore Baptist Convention.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Pastor Jimmy Price, and all the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church as they proudly celebrate their 100th year, and I wish them every success as they look to a future of continued service to the Lord and their community.

CLEARWATER COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in June 1939 to support the Coast Guard with its boat safety mission. This June, the Clearwater Chapter, Flotilla 11-1, celebrates its 60th anniversary of service to the boating public throughout the Tampa Bay area.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotilla 11-1 provide invaluable support to the active duty Coast Guard through a variety of non-law enforcement programs. These include search and rescue missions, marine environmental patrols, youth programs, public education and safety patrols. As the Coast Guard's homeland and national security responsibilities continue to expand, the men and women of the auxiliary have stepped up to increase their part se-

curity patrols to provide for the defense of our nation's and in our case Florida's coastline and waterways.

Clearwater Flotilla 11-1's service to the Clearwater area actually predates the Coast Guard's presence in the city. Today, though, the auxiliary provides direct and continuing support to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater and to Coast Guard Station Sand Key. Their missions include search and rescue "call outs", back up marine radio coverage and near shore patrols as part of the America's Waterway Watch Program. Last year alone, the Flotilla conducted more than 300 vessel safety checks, made 130 visits to recreational boating programs and conducted 11 boating safety classes. In addition to supporting the Coast Guard on the water, the Flotilla also supports the Coast Guard from the air. Its three aircraft flew 250 sorties last year totaling more than 1,000 hours and included 24 separate search and rescue cases.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that Flotilla 11-1 will join together this Saturday in Clearwater to celebrate its history and for the community to come together to thank the men and women of the auxiliary for their selfless volunteer service to our area.

Flotilla 11-1 operates under the leadership of Commander Jim Rudolph and Vice Commander Jerry Osburn. With their breadth of responsibilities, the Flotilla draws upon many, many dedicated officers and volunteers with specific expertise in a large number of areas. The auxiliary's officers include: Barbara Masson, communications; Val Lewis, communications services; Debbie Mallory, finance; Kimberly Clark, information systems; Teresa Kasper, materials; John Caddigan, marine safety and environmental protection; Karen Miller, member training and publications; Harry Bickford, navigation services; Don Smith, operations; Jeff Lawlor, public affairs; Ann Bennett, public education and program visits; Peter Palmieri, personnel services; Scott Signorini, secretary and records; and Dale Folsom, vessel examinations.

It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking the men and women of Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 for their 60 years of service to our community and for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 273, 274 and 275, I would have voted "yes" if I had been present. I missed the votes because of a long flight delay caused by the weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SHORT LINE RAILROADS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the extension

of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit, which expired on December 31, 2009.

As a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I appreciate the economic benefits a strong, reliable rail network provides our economy. Rail has kept our economy connected and competitive for decades and is critical to driving our economic recovery.

Key to the rail network are short line railroads, which keep 13,000 small and rural rail customers connected to the main line railroad network and the global economy. However, short line railroads must invest heavily in repairing and maintaining track, more than any other segment of the rail industry. To address this, Congress enacted the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit, which encourages short line railroads to invest in critical track maintenance. These improvements are necessary to improve the efficiency of our national rail network and keep our economy moving. This tax credit expired on December 31, 2009.

Without an extension of this tax credit, short line railroads are unable to initiate long-term plans, and have halted much needed infrastructure projects across the country—projects that create good-paying jobs on and off the tracks. The Section 45G credit generates approximately 3,305 full-time jobs annually and supports tens of thousands of jobs in America's steel and timber industries that make railroad ties or steel rail.

Madam Speaker, it makes economic sense to provide certainty to this industry and extend this tax credit. Short line railroads are too important to our economy. As a cosponsor of H.R. 1132, legislation to extend the credit through 2012, I urge swift action on extending the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit and urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING JANET DAVIS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janet Davis, president and CEO of the TIC Federal Credit Union, who is the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates.

As one news report put it, it takes five pages to list what Janet Davis has done for the Columbus area and her profession. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that she's the youngest recipient in the history of the award.

Janet has served as president and CEO for 18 years. Her leadership has brought tremendous growth and success to the credit union—including an increase of \$152 million in assets during her tenure. In fact, TIC is currently the ninth largest credit union in the state. This is a real testament to her dedication and ability.

Janet's own words perfectly sum up what she believes is her greatest accomplishment—giving back to her community. Janet said she "takes joy in helping to create a workforce that is in tune with the community and its needs."

Fortunately, giving back to the community doesn't stop at the end of her work day. For Janet, her talents touch many organizations and individuals. She has provided leadership